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SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. LAST NIGHT WAS PROBABLY THE QUIETEST WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN MANY WEEKS. TRAFFIC INTO TOWN THIS MORNING CONTINUES TO BE LIGHT AND THE CENTER OF THE CITY IS DEAD. TRIPOLI AND ZAHLE QUIET AND YESTERDAY WAS PRINCIPALLY DEVOTED TO POLITICS. YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING NON-PRODUCTIVE BUT OBVIOUSLY QUESTION OF INCLUDING LEBANESE ABROAD IN NATIONAL CENSUS IS BECOMING A MAJOR ISSUE. MOSLEMS HAD SUMMIT MEETING YESTERDAY, INCLUDING ARAFAT, TO PREPARE FOR WHATEVER COMES OUT OF MEETING OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS TODAY, INCLUDING MARONITE MONKS, CHAMOUN, GEMAYEL, ETC.

2. I HAD LUNCHEON YESTERDAY WITH MARONITE MONK LEADERSHIP AND FATHER KASSIS. THEY ARE INDEED ANTEDILUVIAL AND THEIR IDEAS OF CONCESSIONS, NEGOTIATIONS AND DEMOCRACY DO NOT REPEAT NOT COINCIDE WITH MINE.

3. L'ORIENT LE JOUR FRONT-PAGES AUB OPENING JANUARY 5, THANKS TO GOL UNDERWCTING DEFICIT. LATTER WAS CABINET
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DECISION YESTERDAY AND IS EXCELLENT NEWS. I PHONED GHASSAN

TUENI TO CONGRATULATE HIM.

4. TAQLA RETURNED YESTERDAY, SPEAKING OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS
IN PARIS. KARAME SUPPORTING HIM.
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